

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-41 (cancelled)

Claim 42 (new): An assist device for a door handle , said assist device comprising:

an elongated bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a pivot means;

the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a piece

therein;

wherein said piece is attached to said handle, projects outwardly

from said handle, in use is immovable relative to said handle, and is

not as wide as said handle; the engagement of the piece and the handle

creating stop surfaces for the bar as said piece is introduced into the bar.

Claim 43 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said pivot means secures said bar to a

u-shaped bracket.

Claim 44 (new): The assist device of claim 43, wherein said bar near the pivot area rests entirely

within said bracket.

Claim 45 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said pivot means consists of a long inside

threaded bolt which passes through said bracket and said bar, and a short

outside threaded bolt which is screwed into said long bolt.

Claim 46 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said piece is sturdily secured to

said handle with two nuts and bolts.

Claim 47 (new): The assist device of claim 43, wherein said bracket is sturdily secured to a door

or a door support with at least two screws.

Claim 48 (new): The assist device of claim 43, wherein said pivot means passes through the top part of said bar and through the top part of said u-shaped bracket.

Claim 49 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said bar has a substantially constant cross-sectional area throughout its entire length.

Claim 50 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said assist device parts appear to be very tightly and sturdily arranged, yet said bar pivots as desired.

Claim 51 (new): The assist device of claim 42, wherein said bar has a square cross-sectional shape.

Claim 52 (new): The assist device of claim 51, wherein said piece is flat and substantially rectangular to form a relatively tight fit inside the bar.

Claim 53 (new): An assist device for a door handle, said assist device comprising:
an elongated bar;
one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a pivot means;
the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a
piece;
said piece not as wide as said handle, projecting from said
handle, fastened to said handle and in use immovable relative to said
handle;
the engagement of the piece and handle creating stop surfaces for
the bar as the piece is introduced into the bar.

Claim 54 (new): The assist device of claim 53, wherein said pivot means comprises a hollow inside threaded long bolt receiving an outside threaded short bolt therein.

Claim 55 (new): The assist device of claim 53, wherein said pivot means secures a bar end to a u-shaped bracket.

Claim 56 (new): The assist device of claim 55, wherein said bar near said pivot means rests entirely within said bracket.

Claim 57 (new): The assist device of claim 56, wherein said pivot means passes through the top part of said bar and through the top part of said u-shaped bracket.

Claim 58 (new): An assist device for a door handle, said assist device comprising:

an elongated hollow bar;

one end of said bar constructed and arranged to pivot about a pivot pin;

the other end of said bar constructed and arranged to receive a piece therein;

said pivot pin securing said bar to a u-shaped bracket;

said pivot pin comprising a long inside threaded hollow bolt which passes through a top part of said bar and a top part of said bracket, and a short outside threaded bolt screwed into said long bolt;

said piece secured to said handle by two nuts and two bolts, projects from said handle and is not as wide as said handle;

the engagement of the piece and handle creating stop surfaces for the bar as the piece is introduced into the bar;

said piece, bracket and bar being substantially axially aligned along a longitudinal axis.